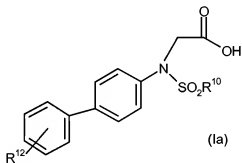


Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the above-identified application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Cancelled).
2. **(Previously Presented).** A compound of formula (Ia):



wherein:

R^{10} represents H or C_{1-6} alkyl;

R^{12} represents H, halo, CF_3 , cyano, OCF_3 , nitro, OR^{13} , SR^{13} , COR^{13} or C_{1-6} alkyl;

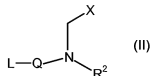
R^{13} represents C_{1-6} alkyl or C_{1-4} alkylaryl;

and physiologically functional derivatives thereof.

3. (Cancelled).
4. (Cancelled).
5. (Cancelled).
6. **(Previously Presented).** A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 2, and pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or diluents.

7. **(Currently Amended).** A process for preparation of compounds of formula (Ia) of claim 2, which comprises:

(A) reacting a compound of formula (II):



wherein:

R^2 is SO_2R^{10} , wherein R^{10} is as defined in claim 2;

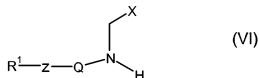
Q is phenyl;

X is CO_2H ; and

L represents a leaving group,

with a reagent suitable to introduce phenyl optionally substituted by R^{12} , wherein R^{12} is as defined in claim 2; ~~or a compound of formula (IV):~~

(H) reacting a compound of formula (VI)



or a protected derivative thereof, wherein:

R^1 is phenyl optionally substituted by R^{12} ,

wherein R^{12} is as defined in claim 2,

Z is a bond,

Q is phenyl and

X is CO_2H

with a reagent suitable to introduce the group $\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{10} \text{CO}_2\text{H}$, wherein R^{10} is as defined in claim 2; or

(J) carrying out a process selected from processes (A) to (H) followed by interconversion of one or more functional groups.

8. **(Currently Amended).** The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 6 further comprising one or more therapeutic agents, selected from anti-inflammatory agents, NSAIDs, beta adrenergic agents and anti-infective agents, wherein:

the anti-inflammatory agents are selected from corticosteroids selected from fluticasone propionate, beclomethasone dipropionate, mometasone furoate, triamcinolone acetonide or budesonide};

the NSAIDs are selected from sodium cromoglycate, nedocromil sodium, PDE-4 inhibitors, leukotriene antagonists, CCR-3 antagonists, iNOS inhibitors, tryptase and elastase inhibitors, beta-2 integrin antagonists and adenosine 2a agonists;

the beta adrenergic agents are selected from salmeterol, salbutamol, formoterol, fenoterol or terbutaline and salts thereof; or

the anti-infective agents are selected from antibiotics or antivirals.